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Subject: RE: Thomson Reuters et al. v. ROSS Intelligence

Miranda,

Thank you for letting us know. As discussed during yesterday's meet and confer, we will file our motion for leave to amend the answer shortly.

Best regards,
Joachim

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Counsel,

Plaintiffs are withdrawing their motion for leave to file an amended complaint. Although Plaintiffs' proposed amended complaint does not require additional discovery or motion practice, ROSS refused to agree not to seek either, strongly indicating that it intends to seek both. This attempt to further delay resolution of Plaintiffs' claims is unacceptable and unnecessary. Thus, Plaintiffs are withdrawing their motion so that the case continues on the Parties' agreed upon schedule. Mr. von Simson's conduct remains relevant to this case, including as described in Plaintiffs' response to Interrogatory No. 1, and Plaintiffs reserve all rights and waive none. As discussed yesterday, Plaintiffs will oppose any attempt by ROSS to amend its answer to add the affirmative defense of preemption given that, among other things, doing so would be futile and ROSS has failed to articulate any reason it could not have pleaded the defense when it first answered Plaintiffs' Complaint.

Best regards,
Miranda

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Eric,

As we discussed, here is what I believe was the last circulated version of the stipulation, with Michael Flynn's edits. We'll look out for the meeting invitation for Monday.

Kind regards,
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Dear Joachim,

Given that both parties are moving to amend their pleadings, Thomson Reuters would be willing to drop its opposition to ROSS's motion to amend if ROSS will drop its opposition to Thomson Reuters' motion to amend. Otherwise, we will oppose and argue that ROSS's amendment is futile. Not only does the nature of Thomson Reuters' claims mean they are not preempted, but ROSS significantly delayed in bringing this affirmative defense without any justification (as ROSS admits that it did not need discovery to bring the defense).

Please let us know how ROSS would like to proceed, and if we still need to meet and confer on this dispute.

Best regards,
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Counsel,

If Plaintiffs will not consent to ROSS's proposed amendment to its answer, please let us know when you are available to meet and confer. We should have availability on any day this week. We also need to discuss possible dates for a teleconference on Plaintiffs' motion for leave to amend, for the joint letter due to the court with your reply letter. We can discuss both of these issues then.

Kind regards,
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Counsel,

Plaintiffs' tortious interference claims—both the tortious interference claims in the operative complaint, and (if Plaintiffs' motion to amend is granted) the additional tortious interference claims in the First Amended Complaint—are preempted by the Copyright Act. *See* 17 U.S.C. § 301. The issue of preemption presents a question of law and would not require any additional discovery. ROSS does not think that copyright preemption is an affirmative defense which must be asserted in an answer, and we are not aware of any cases from the Third Circuit or any district court contained therein that holds that copyright preemption is an affirmative defense. However, we are aware of a handful of out-of-circuit district court cases that suggest otherwise. Therefore, out of an excess of caution, ROSS intends to amend its answer to add a statement that Plaintiffs' tortious interference claims are preempted. Please let us know if Plaintiffs consent to ROSS's filing of a Second Amended Answer. We have attached a redline for your review.

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